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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. WIPO patent publication no. WO 02/10349.
2. SHIMIZU et al., "Shinkin Soshiki ni Taisuru Saisei Iryo", Igaku no Ayumi, Vol. 205, pp. 693-698, (2003).
3. WIPO patent publication no. WO 02/088332.
4. MITAKA, "Kogata Kansaibo o Mochiita in vitro Kansoshiki Keisei", The Japan Society of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry Sokai, Gakujutsu Shukai Koen Program, Yokoshu, Vol. 44, p. 33, (2003).

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